

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-4           (Canceled)

5.     (Original) A sheet metal plate for manufacturing a pallet of a cantilever construction by shaping a base plate and legs of the pallet of a single piece sheet metal plate by a shaping process selected from deep-drawing and/or pressing and hydroforming, wherein the sheet metal plate has sections, having different thicknesses, different material compositions, or different thickness and different material compositions, for obtaining different strength values adapted to different load zones of the base plate.

6.     (Original) The sheet metal plate according to claim 5, comprising preshaped stiffening ribs.

7.     (Original) The sheet metal plate according to claim 5,

wherein one of the sections is a plate section with preshaped stiffening ribs and at least two of the sections are additional flat plates welded to the plate section to form the single piece sheet metal plate.

8. (Original) A sheet metal plate for manufacturing a pallet of a cantilever construction by shaping a base plate and legs of the pallet of a single piece sheet metal plate by a shaping process selected from deep-drawing and/or pressing and hydroforming, wherein the sheet metal plate is comprised of sections, having different thicknesses, different material compositions, or different thickness and different material compositions, for obtaining different strength values adapted to different load zones of the base plate, wherein the sections are welded together to form the single piece sheet metal plate.

9. (Original) The sheet metal plate according to claim 8, wherein the single piece sheet metal plate comprises preshaped stiffening ribs.

10. (Original) The sheet metal plate according to claim 8, wherein one of the sections is a plate section with preshaped

stiffening ribs and wherein at least two of the sections are additional flat plates welded to the plate section to form the single piece sheet metal plate.

11. (New) A Pallet, comprising: a one-piece steel plate that forms a metal cantilever base plate and metal feet as an underframe for pallet containers for transporting and storing liquids; a plastic inner container<sup>NS</sup> standing on the base plate; and a lattice-work or sheet material cladding secured to the base plate, the feet including one of open, partially closed and completely closed corner and center feet, and the steel plate having plate portions which are adapted to different stressed regions of the base plate and which have at least one of differing sheet thickness and differing material composition to achieve different mechanical strength properties.